

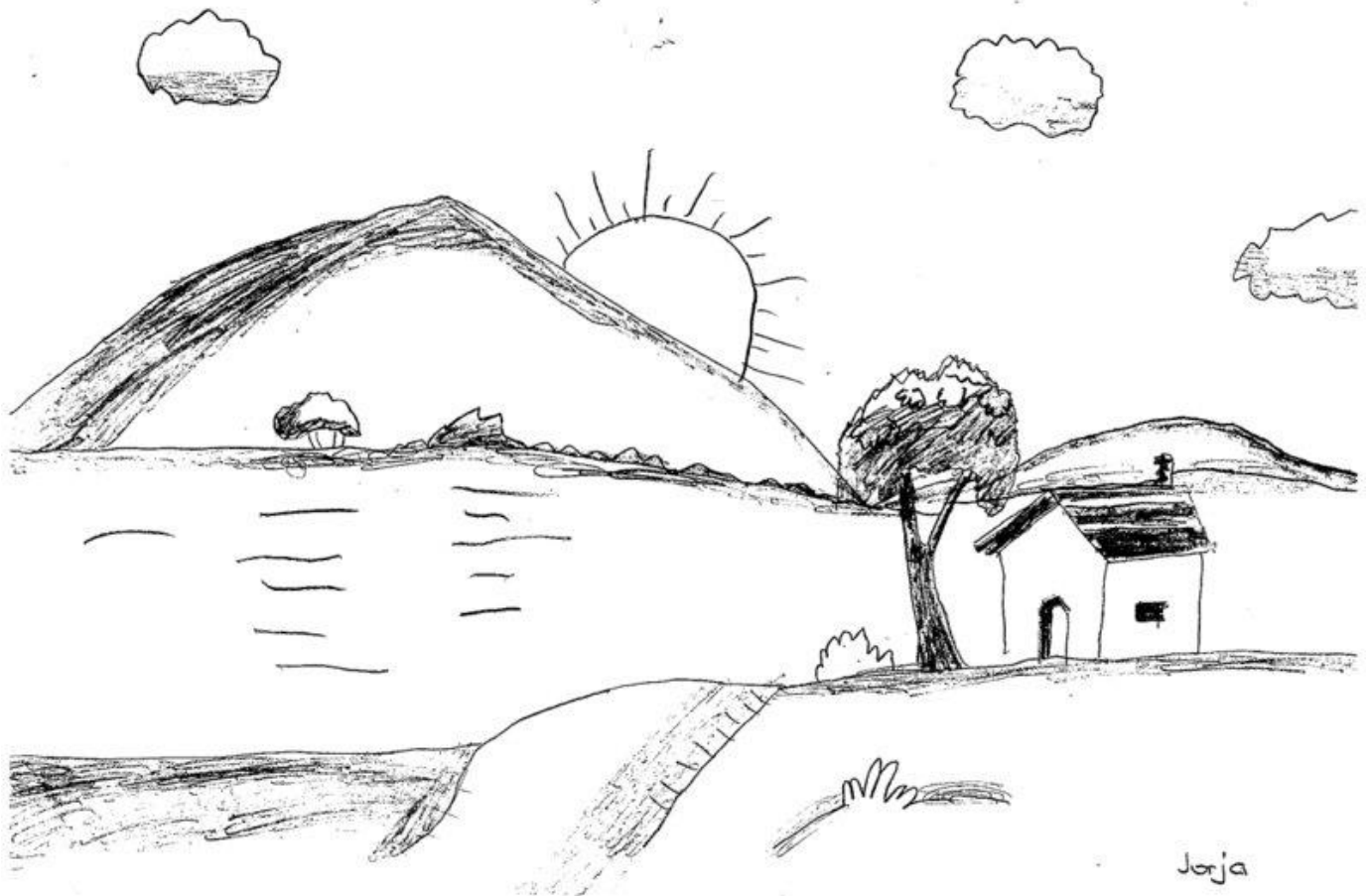
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Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 10 October 2023

Mahia I runga I te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki

With a peaceful mind and respectful heart, we will always get the best results

Kia ora,

Welcome back to school and to Term Four. This is always a busy term so please check our 'Dates for your Diary' in each newsletter for updates.

Our focus for the next 3 weeks will be on our production. This will take place on Thursday 26th October in the afternoon. More information will be available soon.

Each term we need you to tell us if there are regular changes for afternoon buses. We do not carry changes over from one term to the next. If your child will be off the bus on specific days e.g. choir, ballet or swimming lessons please let Val know so that she can note this on our bus boards. For all morning bus changes please notify your driver.

If your child is not going to be at school either phone or email the school. Telling the driver is not informing school. Please give a reason e.g sick, family event, dentist when you let us know as we have to put a reason for your child's absence in the roll. If you don't give a reason the roll automatically puts the absence as truant.

At the end of Term 3 we had 10 children with 100% attendance and another child with 99%. This is a fantastic achievement, well done to those children. We do not count dental or any medical appointments, funerals etc as being absent when we count attendance for our rewards. According to data released by the Ministry of Education our overall attendance for Term 3 was 91.2%. We are meeting the Ministry attendance targets.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui
Alison

Dates for your Diary

11th October School Photographs

26th October School Production

3rd November Pets Day

7th November EPro 8 (1 - 4pm)

9th November Bush Ag Day

23rd November Year 8 Moving Forward Conference at Tararua College

24th November Rural Schools Athletics (Pahiatua)

1st December Bush Athletics (Pahiatua)

5th December Riversdale Beach Life Saving (Whole School)

13th December Whole School Christmas Party

14th December Christmas Tree Night and Prizegiving

15th December Term 4 ends

Technology Dates (Year 8)

Term 4:

12th October, 2nd, 16th, 30th November

Please make sure that covered footwear (not gumboots) is worn and long hair is tied back.

Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page where you will find more information about what the children are learning and see their successes.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443>

Teaching Focus for Term 4

This term our children will be learning about artists. This will include influential NZ artists, artists from around the world, including well known artists throughout history. We will also be creating our own pieces of art.

Our House of Science boxes this term are:


Float My Boat - explore which objects float or sink and why

Nano Chem - properties of matter including crystallisation, fluorescence, polymerisation

Magnetic Madness - which materials are attracted to magnets and why

Our PE focus will be on athletics. Rural Schools Athletics will take place at the Bush Multisport Stadium in Pahiatua on Friday 24th November.

In our next newsletter we will tell you more about our maths and literacy learning.



I am excited to have the opportunity to provide your school with Fine Art School Portraits. I like to provide a more personal experience to all the families who attend the schools who have chosen me to photograph their child(ren).

WHAT IS A FINE ART SCHOOL PORTRAIT?

Fine Art School Portraits are a modern approach to school photos. No more cheesy smiles with strange backgrounds. The photos will be simple and classic. Instead of forcing a cheesy grin, the children will be encouraged to be themselves and will never be forced to smile. Example photos can be found here:
<https://belindaprattphotography1.shootproof.com/gallery/SampleSchool/>

Sibling photos are welcome! Please feel free to get in touch directly with me to book your sibling photo. These photos will be taken from 8.15am, before school begins. I will also be available at break times for those who want "friend group" photos.

ORDERING

Within two weeks of your child's photo day, you will be e-mailed the link to a class proofing gallery. There will be 2 - 5 images of each child. Images are available in both colour and black and white. I do not choose which photos you print; you do. You will be able to order high quality prints, canvases and framed prints, and digital files directly from the viewing gallery. The ordering process is simple and secure. The gallery will be live for 14 days. All orders must be placed in that 14-day period. Prices start at \$8.00 for individual items, and include the opportunity to purchase packages, or individual products. Once orders have been placed, your photos and / or canvas / framed prints will be delivered to school within four weeks.

For any questions or to book sibling photos, please contact me at belinda@belindapratt.co.nz or 027 391 1144

BOT UPDATE

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday 17th October at 5:30pm

ASCA

A reminder to all families to return baking raffle sheets to school by Wednesday afternoon at the latest. Any late sheets can be given or emailed to Kate at mckaytekeo@gmail.com. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday afternoon.

ASCA Meeting: Tuesday 17th October, 7pm in Huia Classroom

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hi all, the TDC have secured funding from MPI to create a Civil Defence group between Alfredton and the Emergency Management team.

We are having a meeting with them at the Hall on Wednesday 18th October at 7pm.

It would be great to have as many people from the community there as possible to support this after what has happened with the cyclones this year.

Thanks, Ben Johnston.